



## JOHNSON, LOSING HIS GRIP ON THE STATE MACHINE.

### Insiders Bucking the Tiger on Absurd Tax Legislation.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE]

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 16.—All is not harmony in administration circles over the programs outlined by Gov. Johnson for the new Legislature. In fact, there are many who assert that only an extra session of Congress will cause the Governor to give up the wheel of the State machine before the present session of the Legislature is safely over.

It has become apparent even to the Janitors about the Capitol that some one is bucking on the financial legislation proposed. Enough members of the Senate have bucked on the proposal to duplicate the Federal income tax with a similar tax exacted by the State to blast all chances of getting an income tax through the Legislature this year.

An income tax bill was drawn before adjournment in January, but was held for introduction until the Legislature should reconvene. The bill was prepared by the State Tax Commission, after a conference with the father of most California commissions. But so many protests have come to the capital since adjournment that the plan of duplicating the Federal income tax has been abandoned. There is to be depths to which even administration Senators will not descend.

INCOME TAX RESTS.

It is now announced that it will be impossible to follow the recommendations of the Tax Commission with an income tax act this year. The only question is when until the proposed Commission is held. At that time the Federal government will be asked to go fifty-fifty with the State of California, along with other States, in exacting an income tax. It is now known that the Federal government shall collect the tax through the internal revenue department, that there shall be a division about the \$15,000 a year now exacted by the Federal government shall take all the big ones over that mark, that the Federal government shall be taxed for State purposes only.

There would probably be no opposition to this in the Senate, but the custodians of the Federal port barrel should agree to it; but it is not on record that a Democratic Congress has ever given back any internal revenue income exacted, and Old California's doings are too old to lead such a new trial now.

There is one solace for the tax-harassed producer. The conflict between the State and Federal governments over the question of an income tax will probably prevent a duplication of that tax for at least two years.

Taxing the rich, through that unearned increment tax on land in growing areas most popular with the taxpayers, is the policy of a duplicate income tax. Senators and Assemblymen have been hearing some remarks from their home folks about it, and they are becoming very much as its admirability. An explanation is now given by administration sources that an unfortunate mistake was made in drafting the unearned increment bill. The exemption named in the bill is \$25,000, as against \$15,000 in the Senate; proponents of the measure now say that they intended to make that exemption \$25,000, that their only intent was to make the "idle rich" come up with a little more money for the use of the State administration that is doing so much gratuitously for them.

Some of the proponents say it is to prevent combinations of wealthy men getting together and taking up a tract of land, subdividing it and

Watch Borders.

### WARSAW TO BERNE IS STRENUOUS TRIP.

AMERICAN GIRL SPENDS TEN DAYS ON JOURNEY.

Passports, Searches, Disinfection and Possession of Two American Addresses Add to the Difficulties of Getting Out of Germany, Many After Recent Break.

[BY ATLANTIC CABLE AND A. P.]  
BERNE (Switzerland). Feb. 19 (via Paris, 1:50 p.m.)—Miss Marie Haviland of New York, a music student who had been a long time in Germany, arrived here today on her way home after a strenuous ten-day trip from Warsaw, where she had been studying for the last few months.

Miss Haviland was to have left Berlin with the ambassadorial train, but was unable to quit Warsaw in time because written permission of the Berlin police was late in arriv-

### LEST WE FORGET.

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The interesting figures that follow tell the local advertising story for the week ending February 17, 1917:

Total Lines Separate Advertising. "Want" Ads.

THE TIMES ..... 207,064 16,036  
Second Morning Newspaper ..... 193,032 16,913  
Third Morning Newspaper ..... 160,272 2,411  
First Evening Newspaper ..... 146,174 2,635  
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Third Evening Newspaper ..... 72,996 657

The purchasing power behind The Times' far-reaching, home-delivered quality circulation is responsible for the wonderful results getting power of Times advertisements.

### Russia Prods China.

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pendence of Outer Mongolia. China, on the part of which the Yarrowdale would be released "shortly."

The United States will insist that, having been carried into Germany against their will, the men must be given their freedom in some neutral country, and that they may make their way home.

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preparing the nation for possible hostilities, which has gone steadily forward during the last few months, believe that the move reflected any increased apprehension as to the imminence of eventualities, but it was said some details of the military and naval occupied districts were

in an unsatisfactory state and the President was anxious to know just where further steps would be necessary.

In some quarters it was suggested that the approach was to be made to the army and navy, an order was issued today under which an immediate appraisement will be made and the exact condition of the regular fighting forces reported to the President.

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### French Gases Rolled Against the German Invaders.

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### Keep Ships Moving.

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Washington.

### BRITISH TAKE MY AND NAVY TURK GROUP TAKING STOCK.

Anglo-Danish.















**THE CITY  
AND ENVIRONS**  
EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

A Popular Concert  
The Polytechnic Evening High School orchestra will give a popular concert, tomorrow evening, in the auditorium of the school.

Next Saturday evening a colonial ball will be given at the Stimson Playground Clubhouse. Guests are asked to be in costume.

Florine Crittenton Meeting.

The Florine Crittenton Auxiliary will meet at the home at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

Orange Day Committee.

A meeting of the California Orange Day Committee will be held at room No. 348, Chamber of Commerce Building, at 2:30 o'clock next Friday afternoon.

Jovians' Luncheon.

At the Jovian League luncheon tomorrow at Jahnke's, Police Judge Richardson will talk on "Juice to Jahnke's." Attorney General P. C. Morris will speak on "The Afternoon." Music is to be furnished by five students of the Polytechnic High School.

Illinois Alumni to Meet.

Commemorating the founding of the University of Illinois the Southern Illinois Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting today evening, March 10, at No. 741 South Broadway. Lyman N. Sperry will be the speaker of the evening.

Railroad Men to Dance.

The Order of Railroad Employees will give a Washington Birthday dance tomorrow evening at the Masonic Theater Building for the members and their friends. All railroad men are cordially invited. It will be a feature dance with good music and souvenirs for the ladies.

C. C. Robinson, head of the employed boy's work of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. will speak on the subject of vocational training and kindred educational lines to a group of boys at the Los Angeles Y.M.C.A. today. All boys are invited.

Will Honor Founder.

The third annual Chautauqua banquet, celebrating the founder's eighty-fifth birthday anniversary will be held at the Roslyn, Friday evening, February 24. A number of the men recommended to and all visiting Chautauquans are invited to be present. The principal address will be made by Bishop Bell.

For Scottish Pipe.

A concert and dance for the benefit of the Los Angeles Scottish Pipe Band will be given tomorrow evening in Blanchard Hall. George Stuart Paton, who formerly trod the boards of many of Scotland's leading theaters, will be one of the features of the program.

Memorial Pipe Tales.

Seamus McNamee, the famous Irish lecturer and writer, will appear at Cumnock Hall tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and tell a wonderful tale of Irish fairies in America. The talk will be on the traditions of the mystery and poetry of the hills and glens of auld Ireland. Donogh, in particular, will be one of the features of his talk.

Woolwine to Speak.

Dist.-Atty. Woolwine has accepted an invitation to address the District Attorney's Association at its annual convention in Fresno February 22, on the subject, "The Conviction of Schmidt and Caplan, Dynamiters." The splendid success which met Dist.-Atty. Woolwine's efforts in the historic case has made him one of the most prominent prosecutors in the State.

To Talk on Prayer.

At a meeting of the Los Angeles Graded Union of Sunday-School Workers, to be held in the Bunker Hill Temple Auditorium, at 8:45 o'clock tomorrow morning, Miss Emma Weller will talk on "The Naturalness of Prayer." Mrs. Lucy J. Bass will lecture on "What a Story Really Is." Studies in the New Testament will be made by Rev. W. A. Price and there will be an executive meeting at noon.

W.H. Indian Chief.

Chief of Police John L. Butler will be initiated into the ranks of the Silver Star Lodge, Knights of Pythias, tomorrow evening at the same time. Lieut. Harry H. Wood, Lieut. Oscar Johnson and W. H. Bennett of the fire department, Chancellor Commander John B. Powell will preside and J. C. Linne will be chairman of the committee. L. E. McClary, chairman of the Membership Committee, will announce his aides for the big campaign for membership. Y.M.C.A. San Diego.

The thirty-sixth annual convention of the California P.I.C. will be held at the Hotel Grant, San Diego, February 22 to 25. The convention will be attended by a large delegation of directors, committee-men and secretaries of the local organizations. The gathering will be the largest in the history of the organization, and will be addressed by Lieut.-Gov. Stephens and S. M. Cooper of the city.

De Shields' Guests.

An annual meeting of the Board of Education last night M. C. Betteng was presided in place of Superintendent Albert Shibley, who is on his way to Indiana. He was succeeded by the president of the Association, who at the annual convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, to be held February 21 to 24, in Salt Lake City, will speak at the convention of the National Education Association of the United States, to be held in St. Louis, Mo., in April. The Association will be the largest in the history of the organization, and will be addressed by Lieut.-Gov. Stephens and S. M. Cooper of the city.

WASHINGON ADOPTS  
"BONE DRY" LAW.

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.)  
OLYMPIA (Wash.) Feb. 18.—Gov. Lester signed the "bone-dry" prohibition bill this afternoon in the presence of Representative George E. Scoville, author of the bill, officers of the W.C.T.U. and other advocates of the measure.

Unless referred by petition to the 1918 election, the law will become effective ninety days after adjournment of the Legislature, early in March. The law prohibits possession of intoxicating liquor by any person, except regularly established dealers in paints and varnishes for sacramental purposes. It allows wholesale and retail druggists and manufacturing chemists to handle alcohol only if granted a license after public hearing, and provides radical penalties for violations.

Closing.  
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(BY DIRECT WIRE—EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH.)

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 19.—The entire day was taken for his closing argument by ex-Judge E. Sperry Torrance, attorney for Mrs. May Goodall Darrow, who is suing Dr. Fritz Sage Darrow for divorce and to get the custody of their two small sons—Alfred Goodall Darrow, 7, and Charles Edward Darrow, 5.

Judge Torrance first limited the attorneys to one day for argument and at the outset Judge Torrance said he would argue but thirty minutes. Later he changed his mind and said the girls granted the attorneys unlimited time.

Dr. Darrow, who is drug and kidnapped his son to the seashore at Point Loma, is in an effort to keep him from the training of his children from Point Loma homestead, will commence his argument.

Judge Torrance went over the entire testimony of the case and read many of the exhibits. The defense seeks the children, and his mother promises to give her entire property of \$75,000 if he "rescues" them from the theological home.

Miss Darrow, on the other hand, has been given \$10,000 by her sister, providing the children remain at Point Loma. Judge Torrance attempted to impeach Dr. Darrow's testimony by showing an alibi which Darrow said was forged for \$500. Judge Torrance read a bill of sale made out to Darrow's counsel for the library, according to which the library, which would be a school in the United States that would accept his [Dr. Darrow's] services free of charge," as asserted Judge Torrance. "It is a very tall tale," he said, "and the grandfather is going to furnish money for the education and support of the children—this \$75,000 proposition."

The mother has a profession. She taught school for a number of years during the first two years of her married life, an average of \$500 a year. She now holds her husband's notes for \$2275 in money she had given him. She is the one who should have the custody and care of the children.

**GOLDEN VALUABLES  
ASKED OF GERMANS.**

(BY ATLANTIC CABLE AND A. P.)  
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 19 (via London, 8:05 p.m.)—The Amsterdam Algemeen Nieuwsblad of Berlin prints an announcement by the president of the German Imperial Bank for all German men and women to sell their gold valubales to the Imperial Bank and then disappear if possible held by them in neutral countries.

The president adds that he does not yet need to demand the sacrifice of all German men and women of historical, artistic or ethical interest, but that he does require all other such ornaments.

**SUGAR EIGHT CENTS  
IN BOSTON STORES.**

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.)

BOSTON, Feb. 19.—Retail stores were selling sugar here today at 7 1/2 and 8 cents a pound, but, because of the great demand, sales were limited to five or ten-pound lots to each customer. The price was also enforced in several other New England cities.

A cargo of 10,000,000 pounds was brought to port here today from Cuba.

**JAIL FOR FINANCIERS.  
LOOSE LONG COURT FIGHT.**

(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.)

READING (Pa.) Feb. 19.—David W. Rothstein, Delilah N. T. and George G. Anderson, of Philadelphia, gave up a long fight tonight when they surrendered at the jail here, beginning two years and eighteen months' sentence, respectively, for alibi and conspiracy in connection with the wrecking four years ago of the Reading Insurance and Bonding Company in which investors lost nearly \$750,000. Recently the Supreme Court refused their new trials. Each must pay a fine of \$500. Rothstein was president and Anderson was secretary of the company.

**UTAH STORM HITS SHEEPMEN.**  
(BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.)

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 19.—A severe snowstorm general in Utah yesterday, coupled with a shortage in hay and feed, has driven the price of grain \$5.00 to the sheep and cattle industry, according to reports today.

**BUSINESS BRIEFS.**

(Advertisers.)

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## TRAFFIC VIEWS FROM ENGLAND.

Specialist of London Talks with Chief of Police.

Condemns Parking of Cars in Downtown Streets.

Suggests License System to Eliminate Thieves.

BY HARVEY E. WESTGATE.

When it comes to traffic regulation, R. J. Lewis of London, Eng., who is here on a vacation trip, believes the world's metropolis can give Los Angeles cards and spades and still beat the Southern California city out. In London, according to Mr. Lewis, they actually regulate traffic, instead of allowing traffic to regulate everything else. At one time the distinguished visitor was adviser to the traffic commissioners in London.

Mr. Lewis called on Chief of Police Butler yesterday, and after taking a two-hour ride in the downtown district offered a few offhand suggestions. By the last of the week he expects to have the weak points of the present system jotted down, and later will make a report to Chief Butler, at the latter's request.

"I want every suggestion I can get," said Chief Butler, "and if I can get it from someone from London or some small town in Africa, I'll try and see if they are adopted."

Briefly, Mr. Lewis, after giving the commissioners the once over, made the following suggestion over:

"You allow parking everywhere. That's bad. There should be no parking in the heart of the business district. The motorist would like, but after such a rule has been in effect for awhile they wouldn't go back to the old way."

OUT OF POLITICS.

"In London the commissioners are appointed for life, and can be removed only by an act of Parliament. Therefore, there are no need to deviate ways and means of regulating traffic.

Here, I understand, your Police Commission can do nothing without the consent of the Councilmen and the latter hesitate to do anything for the sake of having a few votes. Politics has considerable to do with traffic regulation.

"With parking done away with, or even put down to a minimum, cars that intend to make a left-hand turn should be compelled to stay in line at the curb, leaving the rest of the space clear for through traffic at street intersections. This we will do at the north-and-south through traffic has been taken care of the cars which wish to turn to the left do so by leading the east-and-west traffic as the crossing man gives the signal."

"Your jitneys are a nuisance. If you were to leave it to the people to decide every motorist who wasn't interested in a jitney and would vote to keep them out of the commercial district and the motorists are numerous enough to win out. The jitneys stop almost anywhere, to pick up passengers and start the day traffic. They don't start when the crossing man gives the signal—they start when they are ready—which means after they have taken on or discharged passengers."

INCIDENTAL DRIVERS.

"In London every man who drives a car must have a license. His name and address are inscribed on the front panel and blank pages are left for the insertion of his traffic offenses from time to time. The judge knows when he hands over his book who has been driving in London and no one is issued a license until he has proved, by actual test, that he understands how to drive a car safely."

"Incidentally, the levying of a license which the driver is compelled always to have with him, helps to keep down the number of auto thieves, for when called upon by any officer the driver in London and Paris has to show he has a license, and give an account of himself."

Chief Butler is greatly impressed with suggestions made by Mr. Lewis and after the latter has made a careful study of the local situation it is likely some of his ideas will be tried out here.

ENROLL.

THE RED CROSS CALLS.

It Needs One Million New Members Immediately and Expects that Los Angeles will do its Part by Supplying Thousands.

To help in the present national crisis the American Red Cross needs 1,000,000 new members and Los Angeles is looking to supply several thousand. An appeal was received here yesterday from Acting Chairman Elliot Wadsworth of Washington D. C., who says the time has come to unify the national effort and to increase the organization of work in any vital field.

Up to now many persons have preferred to work specifically for this or that particular country, but it is now necessary for the Red Cross to obtain the undivided support of Americans everywhere, says Mr. Wadsworth.

He remarks that no one knows at what moment the country may demand the organization's utmost resources. It is ready to provide personnel to care for the sick and wounded, to act as army, 1,000,000 and to bring in the relief to the dependent families of volunteers. Its great need is new members, and Americans are asked to enroll immediately.

WORKED, SHE DIED.

Hair Dresser Takes Gas, Leaving Money to His Sister.

Worried because of the illness of his sister, Mrs. Emma Cloutier, 20 years old, a hair dresser, tied a tube to the gas jet of her room yesterday morning and inhaled the fumes. She was found by her 8-year-old niece, Blanche Young. Inside the body a note and a cashier's check for \$1000 were found. The note directed that portion of the check be used to defray the funeral expenses and that the remainder of the sum be given to the sister, Mrs. James Young, who is lying at death's door at the Sisters' Hospital.

The body of Mrs. Cloutier was given to the parsons of Garrett & Co.

Expert Opinion.

Co-operation.

CHAIN OF DREAMS.

Morphine User Gets in Jail. Then Another and a Third are Taken into Custody on Charge of Trying to Smuggle in Coveted Narcotic.

This is the story of an endless chain in the opium game.

Walter Sargent, who had just been released from the County Jail, was taken into custody on a charge of smuggling in covetous narcotics. The staff was concealed behind the flaps of the letters sent in both cases.

Sargent, Gourdin and McMahon were held in \$1000 bond and committed to the County Jail again by United States Commissioner Hammack yesterday. The other member of the guild will try to introduce morphine into the jail by the letter route, in order that Sargent, Gourdin and McMahon may be freed.

Being unable to furnish bond, Sargent was held in the jail. Yesterday William McMahon was arrested by Postoffice Inspector Webster in a room on San Julian street, carrying with him some morphine. Sargent, the staff was concealed behind the flaps of the letters sent in both cases.

When dispatches indicated the War Department was about to increase the number of submarines on the Pacific Coast, the board of directors of the section of the Pacific Coast, the board of directors of the Los Angeles Harbor from being overburdened they must have someone who understood local conditions and who was in possession of full particulars of the situation. Los Angeles Harbor will make him a valuable ally or Mr. Trefts.

Shortly before the representatives left it was learned San Diego and San Francisco are expending great efforts to obtain the major submarine base.

Full particulars of the first base proposed and the enlarged area later brought under consideration will be carried to Congress by Mr. Trefts and Capt. Irvine. The excellent families of the National Guards to Washington with instructions to present to Congress the necessity of protecting the coast of the Pacific Coast.

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TREND OF THE FINANCIAL NEWS.

CHIEF EVENTS OF YESTERDAY.  
(At Home:) Transfer of \$2,500,000 gold to the Pacific Coast was regarded in New York financial circles as probably representing further drawing down of Japanese bank reserves in the metropolis. Bonds were irregular, United Kingdoms losing a fraction, while Anglo-French fives were firm. United States bonds were unchanged. In the stock market, irregular advances were made with shipping shares almost the only noteworthy exception to the highest trend.

The nation's export trade continues to surpass all previous records. The total for last month was \$612,441,500, exceeding by nearly \$100,000,000 the total for any month previously.

(Abroad:) Subscriptions to the new British war loan total at least £200,000,000, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in the House of Commons. This total is exclusive of contributions from banks.

PUBLIC SPIRITED.  
"According to Kid McCoy's sixth wife, who has just secured a divorce from the pugilist, "Kid" is a good fellow and belongs to the public, but he belongs so much to everybody that it seems difficult for him to stay belonged to any one person for long at a time. Have the prize fighters begun to develop the artistic temperament?FUNNY WORLD.  
And now "the richest boy in the world" has refused the hand of "the prettiest girl on earth," although it is said she has offered to marry him without ever having seen him. Other men will probably dance attendance on the fair maid and buy her thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry without getting so much as a healthy smile in return for their devotion. It just goes to show what an incongruous little universe we've all been whirled into.COWBOYS WANT PEACE, TOO.  
Cowboys along the border are growing a-weary of being targets for raiders and of having their cattle done into roasts and stews for the nutriment of Mexican rascals. Of course, it would be a breach of neutrality for them to retaliate, but it is not cowboy nature to be passive. If they take matters in their own hands, as they contemplate, they may create some diplomatic entanglements, but the bandits will have a lot more respect for gringos and for the border line.HIGH COST OF JUSTICE.  
An account of the Canadian Government Immigration Department confessed to a theft of \$15,000 and was given a suspended sentence. On the same day a man who had stolen three sacks of flour to feed his starving family was sentenced to five years in the Manitoba prison. Why, maybe the Canadian officials figured that \$15,000 is nothing compared to a sack of flour; that a man may speculate all he pleases with government money, but when it comes to taking the food right out of a soldier's mouth in order to feed a hungry child—well, that's different!ENGLISH KNOTS AND YANKEE DIVORCES.  
Of all things! Johnny Bull is saying now that we have no right to entice marital knots made in England, and a firm of London solicitors is protesting that an American-made divorce is not binding on a client of theirs. We have understood from some source or other that only those marriages made in heaven are permanent; but with Zepp overhead and submarines round about, and the price of potatoes up to 18 cents a pound, there is no reason at this time for England to be claiming any of the celestial prerogatives.EIGHT MAKE MORE TROUBLE.  
A few American vessels have broken through the "blockade of intimidation" which German submarine threats have established, and are now steaming toward the dangerous zones. The Germans have had a lot of time to think it over since they swore to sink our ships on sight, and they had had opportunity to see just how disagreeable this country is likely to be if they do anything of the kind. The Germans already say that one neutrality has kept them from being the victors; and they are likely to find, if they go to sinking our ships, that we can make a lot more trouble for them when we are not neutral and use our munitions for our own guns.DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF.  
Sometimes a man imagines that because he has a friendly acquaintance with several women or because he is acquainted with certain "types" he therefore understands all the heights and depths and subtleties of femininity. It may be that men, in the aggregate, means Man, but it is doubtful if any number or organization of women ever represent Woman. A kindergarten girl was made to stand silently in the corner of the room because of misbehavior. Having nothing else to do, the little maid became intensely interested in the fingers on her left hand. Over and over she counted them, examined their length, breadth and thickness and suddenly exclaimed aloud, "My god, no two alike!" Every woman is a type unto herself and, as a rule, a mere man is never further from understanding a woman than when he thinks he knows her best. But if a man imagines he understands a woman let him beware of telling her so for in that case she will flatter him by pretending astonishment at his wisdom, and so she will keep him fooled and he never will understand her.TODAY'S BOND ELECTION.  
The food bond proposition to be voted on today reminds us forcibly of the unctuous gentlemen, in the forepart of Hoboken, who believed it perfectly ethical to rob Peter to pay Paul. He was also the "coney-catching incontinent" who hoped to catch larks if ever the heavens should fall.

It is pretense to do much, the food control proposition favors of its Rabelaisian prototype; while the scheme to tax all the people that 5 per cent. may benefit in merely a way of legitimizing the taking of money out of one man's pocket to put in another's. Also, is there not more than the usual amount of hopelessness in Engineer Reagan's plan of curbing raging winter floods by hedging them in with barbed wire?

By this it should not be understood that The Times is against flood control. The fact is that this paper was urging that something be done to draw the teeth of our winter floods long before many of the proponents of the present bond issue were on the county's tax rolls. But at that time, as well as now, The Times was urging flood control that controlled, not makeshift schemes, such as the present one.

Now, while we do not pretend to anything more than the layman's knowledge of engineering, we are not willing to take one engineer's opinion against that of a half a dozen. To do so would be to presume that the one man that hung the jury was right. Rather we hold, in the present instance at least, with the Scotch bookseller, who boasted at the latter end of his life that he had made a fortune by following the axiom: "When uncertain, do nothing."

If the food bonds should be defeated today, and we do not believe that the people of Los Angeles county will do otherwise than emphatically repudiate them, we will be in a better position to solve the whole control matter than ever before. In the last month of debate over the issue, acrimonious and otherwise, more light has been cast on the problem as a whole than ever before.

Engineers have investigated the Reagan plan; home owners have discussed the problem; public opinion has been aroused to the necessity of doing something. But what that something shall be is another matter. Most certainly it does not consist in voting \$4,450,000 in bonds for a scheme of control that has been condemned in large part by disinterested engineers; that has aroused only faint praise from those who have been most honest.

But if common sense did not convince us that now is not the time to vote flood control bonds, certainly the following, over the signatures of such sterling engineers as S. A. Judd, J. H. Quinton and Capt. Charles T. Leeds, would cause us to hesitate:

"We say 'most emphatically' that much of the work proposed to be done in this report (Reagan's) is entirely inadequate and largely of a temporary character. We cannot approve of spending the taxpayers' money for stringing wire on wooden piling to permanently control the great floods, or permanently protect private or public property in Los Angeles county."

The thing for the voters to do is to defeat the pending proposition, take ample time for investigation and consideration, and after a feasible, impregnable, serviceable plan has been settled upon, vote the necessary bonds for it. Our harbors must be protected and our lands saved—but The Times has come to the conclusion that the Reagan way is not the right way. It is a plan to waste millions of dollars. Vote it down!

LETTING DOWN THE BARS.  
It is to be observed that State civil service is subjected to three vicious attacks in bills introduced by administration Senators during the first half of the 1917 legislative session. Senator Struckenbruck has introduced an act to repeal the State civil service act in toto and to abolish the Civil Service Commission. This bill is notable in that it is the sole proposal coming from the administration side, to abolish a State commission. State civil service has been a farce ever since the act was passed; it serves as a shield to protect the faithful and as a barrier to repulse those who have merit but no political influence. But it is a cumbersome act and some of its provisions are difficult to evade; hence Senator Struckenbruck has been selected to test out how much opposition will be awakened in the State by an attempt to wipe out the whole merit system.

If Senator Struckenbruck falls there are two other Senate bills that will so mangle the present act that it will no longer be a barrier to incompetence and political manipulation. These bills are adroitly drawn and there is nothing in their titles to indicate that they are intended as a blow at civil service; but a perusal of the text discloses that the intent of each is to permit persons to hold positions for which they could not qualify in a civil service examination. That is, to let down the bars to favoritism.

Senator Inman has introduced a bill, repudiated to have been drawn in the offices of the Board of Control, which provides that the Civil Service Commission may by resolution permit the head of any department to make appointments without reference to civil service lists and without necessitating examination on the part of the person examined. The bill provides that:

Any position subject to the provisions of this act may be declared exempted by resolution passed by the concurrence of the three commissioners. . . . Not more than one appointment shall be made to any place by such resolution unless permission is given to the number on the list.

In addition to this provision which opens to incompetents with political pull any position under the State, fifteen classes are exempted outright from civil service provisions.

And Senator Luce has introduced a bill amending the civil service law so that a favorite may secure a position by passing a certain mark in the examination irrespective of how many competitors have secured higher marks. This bill seems designed to take care of certain incompetents who are now holding positions for which they could not qualify in a competitive examination. It provides that when there is no eligible list the head of a department may make a temporary appointment and that the person so appointed, after holding the position for a year as an emergency appointee, may receive a permanent appointment if he shall attain "only a passing mark at such examination and the commission shall certify him to the appointing power for the position held by him."

The Times hopes for peace, but—

In attempting to take care of administra-

## "The Man With the Hoe."



## COMPLICATED FEMININITY.

BY ALMA WHITAKER.

Admiral Chadwick, U.S.N., says American women are wicked not to have more children. He also remarks that women teachers are a menace to boyhood. But he did not add that it was wicked for men not to be teachers. Women teachers, it appears, pass out their "psychic qualities to the boys and make them effeminate." It seems almost a pity that boys can't have masculine manhood as well in that case. How can man, born of woman, remain properly masculine?

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As for the harassed morals efficiency people, they are quite emphatic upon the question that if we take any risks whatever without a permission from a regular author among our acquaintances, our intentions, the Club Jail is the only suitable place for us—if we are women, of course. And Dr. Flexner and Dr. Elliot maintain that the curriculum now in use is poorly adapted to the needs of common life. They would therefore seek to build a better one. The new school, however, will be "frankly discarded that theory of education which is formal discipline. Latin and Greek will be dropped, although "efforts will be made to ascertain whether the important ancient classics cannot be effectively used in translations." English grammar, as now taught, will have no place in the new curriculum. The study of modern languages will be given added emphasis.

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Upton Sinclair now finds himself in Germany. This will not be the last time he thinks another over not.

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National Editorial Service.

## THE ROCKEFELLER PLAN.

BY FRANK ANDREWS FALL.

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FOLLOWING close upon the heels of a strenuous and widespread attempt to vocationalize education, and to a certain extent bound up with that effort, comes the announcement by the General Education Board of "an experiment in the education of youth in this country which, if successful, will mean practically the complete modernization of elementary and secondary schools."

It is generally understood that this plan, which involves the placing of some of the General Education Board's millions back of a unique pedagogic exploration and the transforming of Teachers' College into an educational experiment station, is based upon ideas of which Dr. Abraham Flexner and President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot are the chief American exponents. It has already come to be familiarly known as "the Rockefeller plan."

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On the Mat.  
**KERVARAS IS HARD TO HOLD.**

Skin is so Oily that He Slips Out of Bad Places.

**Demetral Intends to Throw Him While Dry.**

**Picks Stecher to Beat Ad Santell Easily.**

**BY HOWARD ANGUS.**  
Bill Demetral, the Greek champion, insisted as fervently as ever yesterday that he would throw Gus Kervaras for the first fall in less than ten minutes and he gave his reason.

According to Bill, the time to throw Kervaras is before he starts perspiring.

"Kervaras isn't clever," explained Demetral. "He has so little science. He is awkward, but the wrestlers have found him hard to throw. The reason is that they can't find him till he starts perspiring and then he becomes as slippery as a greased pig. After that they can't hold him."

"I have some Greek friends who own some restaurants and they tell me that Gus has round eyes all night and eats the raw fat which they cut off the pigs and use for grease.

"That's why I'm going to rush in and throw him while he's still dry."

Practically every wrestler who has ever met Kervaras has been plagued by his oily, slippery body.

They say he is something like Gatch in that. Wilhelm Borne, the German strong man, trained one day with Kervaras and accused him of drinking. Romanoff, Romanoff's son, is so gross he slips out of his hands.

Lewis compared him to a greased pig. After just as Demetral does.

The latter met Lewis in San Francisco before coming south and that is probably why he first heard of Gus's oiliness.

But Demetral foresees no reason for not throwing Kervaras without delay. Bill has figured it all out satisfactorily. He just goes as strong, twice as fast and three times as clever as fast and three times as clever as the Mocti Pacific Coast Champ fails to make an appearance.

He says he can throw Kervaras in a minute and Gus is all right but Kervaras wants to see him deposit the Greek championship belt with Mr. Towle before the year is out.

"And," grunted Kervaras, "you can tell my friends that Gus will do his best."

**Trained Painfully.**  
The Greek aspirant for the title has certainly trained hard. He has an hour and thirty minutes. He wrestled forty minutes with Romanoff, then took on Connor for fifteen, and Romanoff again for the remainder of his workout.

Kervaras weighs 202 pounds. When he was here a year ago, he weighed 225 pounds. For his first match with Lewis, he tipped the beam at 200 and for his second match at 218. In other words, Kervaras is in much better condition today than he was then. For the first time since he came to this city, his muscles are showing beneath his skin.

**The work with Romanoff is beginning to show.** He is learning under the Russian. Romanoff has been training him in the art, and feels that an attempt to change his style will throw Kervaras up in the air for the match. But the Greek has improved.

**Fine Workouts.**  
Romanoff announced yesterday that Kervaras will end his training today with a light workout. Demetral said last night that he will work out hard and loosen up his muscles tomorrow.

**Ad Stecher.**  
Demetral, who has wrestled both Stecher and Santell, said yesterday that he expected to throw either in less than thirty minutes and inside of forty-five at the outside.

"If Stecher has not gone back," he said, "he will throw Santell without much trouble. Of course, if he is weak, I don't know what will happen."

**Anybody who goes in and mixes with Stecher is going to get a hard time," said Stecher. "I'll be the last to let him and keep from being thrown. But a man has to be strong to stay strong to that—that even—over like Louis. I'll offer him a job."**

"But Santell is too light to do that. He only weighs 185 pounds and Stecher will force him to the mat and when he does he'll get that pin-and-slide good night."

Demetral was asked if there wasn't any danger of Santell's getting his scissors.

"Not a chance," said the Greek. "He'll not be behind Stecher long enough. Stecher likes to catch right away the moment a man gets behind. If Santell gets behind Stecher he'll just stand up and Santell will not be able to stop him."

**To Bring Santell Here.**

Pete Halbritter is now planning to match Constantine Romanoff and

**JOE RIVERS BY A KNOCKOUT.**

**(By A. P. NIGHT WIRE.)**  
PHILADELPHIA (Pa.) Feb. 19.—A one-mile invitation race has been added to the programme of the eighth annual indoor track and field carnival to be held at the Franklin Field on March 14. The entry list for the meet is expected to break all records. Last year the entries numbered 185.

Be an Exception.

Don't walk out of the room. Do what you have to do.

**CLIFF HERD IN TENNIS FINALS.**

**(By A. P. NIGHT WIRE.)**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Cliff Herd of Los Angeles and S. H. Voshell of this city will be the final contenders for the national indoor tennis championship, each by winning today, having eliminated all other competitors. Herd defeated A. H. Mann, Jr., of New York, 8-4, 3-7, while Voshell eliminated Dean Mathey of Cranford, N. J., 8-2, 8-4.

**Semi-final round:**  
Cliff Herd and Alrick H. Mann, Jr., Los Angeles and New York, defeated George King and Thomas N. Sturges, Columbia University, 8-2, 8-1.

Ad Santell for a match here, bringing Olin, Freberg and Martinson and Lewis latter. Frank Schuler, the San Francisco promoter, is representing Halbritter for the north and Mathey for the south. Mathey, Romanoff was only too glad of the opportunity yesterday. He wants to clear up the only black spot in his wrestling career.

In his last match with Santell, Romanoff bumped him hard against the boards and he knocked unconscious for ten minutes. Presently, however, he had wrestled Santell three hours and a half to a draw. Romanoff wants to prove the last match an accident.

**In the Task.**

**HANDICAPS FOR SWIM ANNOUNCED.**

**GOODMAN AND WITT AMONG THE ABSENT ONES.**

Les Henry Promises to Try and Hobble to the Mocti Pacific Coast Champ Falls to Make an Appearance; Reported to be Lost in San Francisco.

The annual L.A.A.C. handicap swimming championships will be held at the club tomorrow night and the competition promises to be hot and exciting.

There may, however, be several absent. Les Henry, the chairman of the club's swimming committee, tumbled of the Ocean Park pier last week and tried to batter a log down. This crippled Henry somewhat but he's been in bed ever since. Walking a trifle stiffly he hopes to be on hand.

Jerry Witt will not be able to compete. His foot has not entirely healed. Stamford Goodman, the Pacific Coast fifty-yard champion, was also absent in San Francisco. He promised to return in time for the meet, but nothing has been heard from him. Witt has even lost all track of his father, a resident of this city.

This removes two very fast swimmers. The others are: smilin-

"When the cats are away," they are whispering to each other, "the mice can play."

The handicaps have been allotted and this will add to the interest. There is little amusement for the spectator in watching somebody run away with a race, but there is excitement in watching the man behind crawl up and overtake the ones out front. The others, Fred W. Wood (smile), Louis (2), Morris (3), Eddie (4), Bert (5), Kilkis (6), Williams (7), Stecher (8), and the like.

At the start, the men will be composed of the same. The St. Louis men who are in the Colonial Club, won the four-man team shot for civilian shooting. At Joliet, Illinois, in the fall, the Mount City Club, composed of the same, the next day, and one of their members won the national individual rifle match, defeating Thomson of the local club, who was fourth. The local boys will win for a while. After the St. Louis boys were but three points behind the California civilian rifle team when two out of the three were shot down, the California team had been shot, California getting a good lead only at 1000 yards.

C. Crossman is a strong all-round man with all three arms, although weak in the pistol. He is not good because of lack of practice in recent years, but being better with combined rifle and pistol than any member of the local club. He would be considered for the all-around championship to be held in Chicago, in August. All of the St. Louis men are strong with pistol and rifle, while the locals have done but little shooting, save for the last month or so.

Of the locals, the strong rifle shots are many of them lacking in pistol skill, and don't know any more about a pistol than they know about the local.

Doc Felsenthal is good at all three games. L. O. Gardiner is another all-round man, but a little practice in rifle shooting would be better with combined rifle and pistol than any member of the local club. He would be considered for the all-around championship to be held in Chicago, in August. All of the St. Louis men are strong with pistol and rifle, while the locals have done but little shooting, save for the last month or so.

Bunny Brief, Chief of the Hold-outs, Demands More Money, but is Already Getting a Big League Salary—Jack Cook Appears on the Scene and Starts to Work.

**1917 DIRECT WIRE—EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH.**  
SALT LAKE, Feb. 19.—The list of signed players was swelled to twelve today, following telegraphic orders sent out by the club to all players, instructing them to report at Porterville by the 26th. The men who sent in their signed contracts today are Morris Rath, Carl Kendall, Jack Tobin, Tom Hughes and Chester Hoff.

The players who had previously attached their names to 1917 agreements are Hannah, Sheely, Blane, Douglass, Bayless, Ryan and Gish.

These on the roster who were still unsigned last night are Leverette, Kirmayer, Dubuc, Klawitter, Evans, Jones, Jones, Orr, Shin, Downey and Quinlan.

Adding the bushers who signed 1917 contracts last fall, and the new ones secured since then, Manager Bernhard has about twenty men under contract to date, all told.

Of those who have signed

Leverette, Kirmayer, Evans, Jones, Orr, Shin, Downey and Quinlan have written the club, asking instructions on where to report, or at what time to have no serious differences with the club.

Bunny Brief, the big clouter of the Bees who smashed Ping Bodie's home run record last year, insisted he was better now this year, but the club does not seem to be worried about Bunny's threat to retire unless a raise in forthcoming games is offered him.

Ed Neff of Pasadena used to shoot the shotgun and is strong with the rifle and pistol.

The challenge of the eastern sharks will be accepted, and no doubt a rustling around in the brush of the local club will turn out some surprising three-wood foot-sharks. Anyhow, there'll be fun in the try.

**"When Felix Fifteen Sees a Cup of Coffee His Legs Automatically Start Commuting!"**

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By C. G. Business Page

Stocks and Bonds

REGULAR ADV.

MARK DUL

Some Fairly Substantial Gains

in Metal Market, with Shipping Sh

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BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Secular, fairly substantial in many instances, were registered in New York's professional market. Shipping, almost the only notable exception to the higher trend, however, reflecting further uncertainty affecting the status of Amer

merchants. Trading was dull for the first hour, which witnessed a moderately fair turnover,

and sales averaged gains of 1 to

5 per cent. Advance, like that of Satur

day, resulted largely from short-cover

buying. This was true of

gold, steel and allied

metals, although the latter

is demand on the strength of

the market.

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## Tuesday Morning.

## Markets

Tripartite

Three-Angled  
Voting Today.Actions for People Concern  
Bands, Booze, Water.Control District will  
have Separate Ballot.Owensmouth Annexa  
tion with Liquor Law.

On MAIL FRAUD CHARGE

An indictment involving a  
lured violation of the postal  
law will be returned against a  
known Los Angeles man today.Los Angeles county incur  
s a debt of \$4,450,000 to  
the Reagan food controlwill the 11 per cent. initiative  
be adopted?and the Owensmouth district be  
joined to the city of Los Angeles

"the hole in the doughnut."

the number of registered electors  
in the flood control district is 355,  
and in the city, 232,441.the total number of registered  
voters in the county is 932, but  
in the city, 777, including Antelope  
and Catalina Island, are

the flood control district.

the area of Owensmouth is 195  
sq. mi. and the city 190. By a  
ratio of thirty-five to four, Owens-  
mouth is to the city of Los Angeles.February 5, 1916, voted  
the city.

COURTHOUSE PRECINCTS.

the county and city  
have been consolidated to  
one in the 257 combined  
election officers, poll  
books, voting books, and  
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election officers will, of course,  
separate returns, the ballots  
to be sent election going to  
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in red ink and the county  
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of the flood control district  
is used by or for electors  
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will be given a  
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Manwarring-Bedloe-Davis

## Theater

## UCH-WED WOMAN WOULD CONTROL OWN FORTUNE.



Mrs. Sarah Manwarring-Bedloe-Davis, whose marital affairs were revealed yesterday in court, in connection with her battle to be restored to competency.

## Entertainments

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## Magnificent Costumes

## Lovable Comedy

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## THE COURTROOM GIRL

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## A Phenomenal Photoplay

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